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Fourth Baptist Church

"A Defense of Bold Ministry"
Romans 15:14-21

Paul forcefully confronted the Romans on many crucial issues and authoritatively presented the truth of the gospel of God. In Romans 15:14-21, he defended this boldness of his ministry.

I. Paul was a _____ with them (14)

   A. They were full of _____ (14b).

   B. They were filled with _____ (14c).

   C. They were able to _____ (14d).

II. Paul was a _____ of them (15)

III. Paul was a _____ for them (16)

IV. Paul was a _____ to them (17-19)

   A. He took no _____ for himself (18a)

   B. He maintained _____ integrity (18b)

   C. He emphasized _____ to the Lord (18c)

   D. He affirmed his _____ (19a)

   E. He completed what God _____ him to do (19b)

V. Paul was a _____ among them (20-21)

Am I _____ in my _____?

On January 7, 1885, the minister of the New Park Street Chapel in Southwark, England, opened his morning sermon this way:

The highest science, the loftiest speculation, the mightiest philosophy, which can ever engage the attention of a child of God, is the name, the nature, the person, the work, the doings, and the existence of the great God whom he calls his Father.

There is something exceedingly improving to the mind in a contemplation of the Divinity. It is a subject so vast, that all our thoughts are lost in its immensity; so deep, that our pride is drowned in its infinity . . . No subject of contemplation will tend more to humble the mind, than thoughts of God . . . but while the subject humbles the mind, it also expands it.

He who often thinks of God, will have a larger mind than the man who simply plods around this narrow globe . . . the most excellent study for expanding the soul, is the . . . knowledge of the Godhead . . . nothing will so enlarge the intellect, nothing so magnify the whole soul of man, as a devout, earnest, continued investigation of the great subject of the Deity.